(c) the action proposed to derive maximum benefit out of this flexibility offer; and

(d) the additional export earnings likely to be accrued therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Government have requested European Commission (EC) to grant exceptional flexibilities as per Clause 6 of the India-EU MoU, which was signed in December, 1994. However, the release of exceptional flexibilities from EC are awaited and, therefore, it would be difficult to assess the additionality in exports to be accured therefrom.

Utilisation of Allocated Amount by Karnataka under CWW Scheme

3522. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount utilised by the State Government of Karnataka during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 under the Central Weaver's Welfare Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government has not utilised the amount allocated by the Central Government under the above scheme fully; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Out of Rs. 279.67 lakhs released to the State Government of Karnataka during the years 1997-98 to 1999-2000 under various Welfare Schemes implemented by Government of India, they have utilised a sum of Rs. 72.57 lakhs so far.

(b) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Karnataka has informed that due to non-release of loan component by the financial institutions/Banks, full amount could not be utilised in time under Workshed- cum-Housing Scheme. As regards the other welfare schemes they have informed that they have utilised the amount fully, however they have not as yet submitted the Utilisation Certificate. The Utilisation Certificate is being collected from the District level and compiled thereafter by the State Government.